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SERIAL NO. 10/049,776

1. Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Form PCT/DO/EO/905, consisting of two pages (copy);
2. Preliminary Amendment consisting of three pages;
3. Authorization to charge deficient or additional fees to Deposit Account 08-1650;
4. Response, consisting of two pages;
5. COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY Form, duly executed;
6. VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(b))--INDEPENDENT INVENTOR Form PTO/SB/09; and
7. Note.



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Tammy:

Would you please contact me by phone (515-288-9589) or fax (515-288-4860) if there are any charges to our deposit account; and with confirmation that all corrections, etc., have been satisfied with our accompanying filings.

Thanks.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: GOUPIL

From: PCT Appln FR00/02329

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AUTHORIZATION

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Dear Sir:

You are hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. **08-1650** maintained in the name of **Henderson & Sturm LLP** for any deficiency or additional monies due with regard to the filing of the attached **Preliminary Amendment and Response to Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)**.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING
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Dear Sir:

Attached are a **Preliminary Amendment and Response to Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)**, per the telephonic instructions of Tamala Holland on May 9, 2002. An Authorization to charge any deficiency or additional monies to our Deposit Account is also included. However, the additional claims fee of \$140 for multiple dependent claims is respectfully questioned. As the original Preliminary Amendment was not entered at the time of filing due to a clerical error and wording, and is now being re-submitted with only the wording of the request for cancellation of claims being changed (per the helpful instructions of Ms. Holland), it is felt that Applicant does not owe any additional monies. Applicant requested claims 1-11 were to be cancelled in said Preliminary Amendment; the instructions for cancellation now say "...delete without prejudice claims 1-7 and 8-11".

Also attached hereto for filing are the duly executed Declaration for Patent Application and the Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - Independent Inventor forms for filing in the above identified case.

The entry of all documents filed herewith into the instant application is respectfully requested.

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